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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO DETERMINE AFRICAN ELEPHANT TO BE  
THREATENED

REF: BANGUI 477

1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS OUR EARLIER REPORT (STATE A-03897). IT  
IS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE COMPLETE ANSWERS  
TO YOUR QUESTIONS, AS THE EXACT FORM OF ANY FINAL RULE-  
MAKING HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED.

2. OPTION 1 WOULD ESSENTIALLY END IMPORTATION OF  
ELEPHANT PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES. UNDER 50 CFR  
17.32, HOWEVER, PERMITS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SCIENTIFIC  
PURPOSES, ENHANCEMENT OF PROPAGATION OR SURVIVAL,  
ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, ZOOLOGICAL EXHIBITION, EDUCATIONAL  
PURPOSES, OR SPECIAL PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE ENDANGER-  
ED SPECIES ACT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY SUCH PERMIT WOULD  
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AUTHORIZE THE LARGE-SCALE IMPORTATION OF IVORY OVER AN  
EXTENDED PERIOD.

3. OPTION 2 WOULD SIMPLY ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF ELEPHANT  
PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE RATIFIED THE CONVENTION  
ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD  
FAUNA AND FLORA, IF SUCH IMPORTATION COMPLIES WITH ARTICLE

IV OF THE CONVENTION. THAT ARTICLE REQUIRES PRESENTATION OF A PERMIT FROM THE EXPORTING COUNTRY STATING THAT EXPORTATION OF THE ITEM IN QUESTION IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO SURVIVAL OF THE SPECIES. AT THIS TIME, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE HAS NOT RATIFIED THE CONVENTION. (NOTE FROM AF/C - GOCAC MINISTRY OF EAUX, FORETS, ETC. REQUESTED AND WAS PROVIDED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN 1974,1975, AND 1976 FRENCH COPIES OF THE CONVENTION. MINISTRY EXHIBITED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN PROVISIONS OF CONVENTION AND POSSIBLE GOCAC RATIFICATION. DURING MOST OF PERIOD PATASSE WAS MINISTER.)

4. OPTION 3 WOULD ALLOW IMPORTATION ONLY FROM NATIONS THAT COULD PROVIDE SATISFACTORY CERTIFICATION AND EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE ELEPHANTS. AT THIS TIME NO CRITERIA OR ENFORCEMENT METHODS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, RELATIVE TO THIS OPTION.

5. OPTION 4 WOULD PROVIDE FOR IMPORTATION FROM COUNTRIES THAT MAY NOT HAVE ELEPHANT POPULATIONS, IF SUCH COUNTRIES COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE PRODUCT INVOLVED ORIGINATED IN A NATION MEETING THE CRITERIA IN OPTIONS 2 OR 3. AGAIN, NO CRITERIA OR ENFORCEMENT METHODS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

6. WE CAN LET YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS SOON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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